

REMARKS

The Applicant has noticed a typographical error in one of the claims and respectfully requests entry of this Amendment after Notice of Allowance to address this formal issue. Entry of this Amendment After Notice of Allowance is believed to be appropriate as it does not change the substantive scope of the claims.

Claims 27-46 are pending in the application.

Claims 27-46 have been allowed.

Claim 44 has been amended to correct a typographical error. The substantive scope of the claim is not changed.

MPEP §714.16 provides that (emphasis added):

After the Notice of Allowance has been mailed, ... **[the Examiner] has authority to enter amendments submitted after Notice of Allowance of an application which embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification or drawing, or formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof**, or the cancellation of claims from the application, without forwarding to the supervisory patent examiner for approval.

Accordingly, under such authority, the Applicant respectfully requests this Amendment after Notice of Allowance be entered to correct this formal matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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